HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Landmark/District: Address:	Capitol Hill Historic District 21 7th Street, NE	() Agenda (x) Consent
		(x) Concept
Meeting Date:	November 20, 2014	(x) Alteration
Case Number:	15-152	() New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	Frances McMillen	() Demolition
		() Subdivision

Applicant Lyudmila Tregubova requests concept review for a deck and modifications to the rear of 21 7th Street, NE in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Property Description

21 7th Street NE is a two-story brick bay front rowhouse constructed with 23 and 25 7th Street by Oliver Cox for owner William E. Hill in 1883.

Proposal

The plans call for a small rear deck, sliding glass doors, and re-siding a section of the rear of the house with cement board siding.

Evaluation

The proposal initially called for replacing the cast iron front entrance stairs and stoop with concrete. The applicant has since repaired the iron stairs in keeping with building permit B1412525 and has withdrawn the stair replacement from the proposal. The modifications to the rear of the house and the deck were completed without a building permit, so the applicant is seeking after the fact review. The deck is modest and does not impact the house or the surrounding context. Retaining the brick on the rear of the house would have been the ideal, but the change to cement board siding does not negatively impact the subject property or the historic district.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Board approve the concept as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act and delegate final approval to staff.